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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 21 April 1954

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Houston, Kirkpatrick, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] Sheldon and [redacted] 25X1

Mr. Dulles:

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b. Referred to the proposed visit [redacted] 25X1  
the United States and was advised by Mr. Wisner that [redacted] 25X1  
felt any official transportation used for this trip should be  
furnished by the U. S. Air Force and CIA transportation facilities  
should not be involved. The Director approved.

c. Noted a cable [redacted] 25X1  
(IN 38887) respecting the assignment of [redacted] to [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] and asked what action had been  
taken. Mr. Wisner said he planned to have [redacted] return to [redacted] 25X1  
the U. S. from the [redacted] prior to proceeding to [redacted] 25X1  
in order to follow the normal procedures for his assignment to  
[redacted] The Director approved.

d. Noted a proposed reply to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's  
letter of 5 April 1954, and after some suggested changes asked  
[redacted] to have this put in final form. In connection with  
raw intelligence reports received from the FBI, the Director  
was advised that these reports are filed in FI and no dis-  
semination is made by the Agency, since the FBI makes its  
own distribution.

e. Referred to a recent speech made by Senator Mansfield.  
in which he indicated that the U.S. was furnishing funds for  
the support of the CAT pilots and aircraft now operating in

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

IndoChina. Mr. Wisner said this information had been furnished the field and the reply indicated that to date no publicity had been noted. However, there was general understanding by the pilots themselves as to who was paying them. The Director asked that a message be dispatched to [ ] congratulating these pilots on the magnificent job they are doing.

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f. Noted that a letter to [ ] had been received through our channels and stated he had asked [ ] to determine why this letter took a month to reach Headquarters. In connection with [ ] the Director suggested it might be a wise move to ask him how many of his [ ] would be willing to volunteer for service in IndoChina, noting we might use this as a lever to stop continued requests for additional funds.

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h. Gave Mr. Wisner a letter to the Secretary of Defense, which he had signed, respecting guerrilla warfare, and noted that some of the pages of the enclosure thereto were practically illegible. Mr. Wisner undertook to have the enclosure reproduced and to dispatch the letter. The Director said he saw no reason why DD/P could not adopt the same printing process used by DD/I on all material, and in particular that which is dispatched outside the Agency.

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i. Asked [ ] to determine whether the [ ] in the [ ] had been moved.

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j. Noted a letter from [ ] and a covering memorandum by [ ] respecting the jurisdictional controversy with J-2 relative to the [ ] and stated this now appeared to become part and parcel of the "agreed activities" problem raised by the [ ] in its recent memorandum to the Agency, and asked [ ] to: (1) return this file to DD/P for his consideration, along with the proposal contained in the above-referred to [ ] memorandum; (2) draft an interim reply to [ ] In connection with the proposal referred to in the above-mentioned [ ] letter, Mr. Wisner said General Cabell had instructed him, in coordination with Mr. Reber, to consider what further steps should be taken in this matter. However, he believed it would ultimately have to be put before the NSC.

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k. Noted he had before him two projects for construction of additional dependent housing at [ ] and raised the question of approving these projects if the possibility existed that the houses would remain unoccupied for any appreciable

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length of time. The Director said we could be severely criticized for maintaining unoccupied quarters at any of our installations. It was pointed out that the housing for [ ] would, in all probability, be required in the near future as the result of the transfer of certain activities [ ] and those requested for [ ] would be necessary to house additional personnel at such time as we are required to move the greater portion of our people [ ] The Director approved these projects.

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m. Referred to a study prepared by the Inspector General respecting the "Delegation of Authority for the Development, Acquisition, Use and Administration of all [ ] Cover", and asked Mr. Wisner to furnish him comments. Mr. Kirkpatrick said complete copies of this study had been furnished DD/P and DD/A -- the principal offices concerned with this problem -- and that Colonels White and [ ] had already agreed to his recommendation in principle. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out this had been a problem of long-standing, but he believed with certain personnel changes soon to take place it could be ironed out without further difficulty.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported SE was greatly concerned over the fact that a certain series of cables from [ ] had been released to OCI and that several individuals in OCI had been in touch with [ ] for additional information. Mr. Wisner said in this particular series CIA was only acting "as a messenger boy" and these cables did not as a general rule contain information of intelligence value, but rather matters of policy outside the competence of this Agency. This, Mr. Wisner remarked, was the reason why it was most desirable to limit their distribution to an absolute minimum. Mr. Sheldon said this being the case, he saw no reason for himself or any of his people to receive copies of the cables in question. The Director noted that in any event, if distribution was made on these cables to the DD/I area it should be limited to Messrs. Amory and Sheldon.

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b. Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on Monday, 19 April, respecting responsibility for production of "the gadget", and stated he had determined that this was the responsibility of TSS and furnished the Director a memorandum on this subject.

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